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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (**Original**) A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing at least 30 g/m^2 of calcium carbonate and at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent.
- 2. (Original) The wrapper paper according to claim 1, wherein the calcium carbonate is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 30 g/m^2 to 50 g/m^2 .
- 3. (Original) The wrapper paper according to claim 1, wherein the burn adjusting agent is contained in the wrapper paper in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.
- 4. (Original) The wrapper paper according to claim 1, wherein the burn adjusting agent is selected from the group consisting of potassium citrate and sodium citrate.

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5. (Currently Amended) The wrapper paper according to claim 1,

A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of

visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m^2 of calcium carbonate, and at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein an ash content in a surface layer on at least one side of the wrapper paper is not higher than 35% by mass.

6. (Currently Amended) The wrapper paper according to claim 1,

A wrapper paper for a smoking article, which decreases an amount of

visible sidestream smoke of tobacco, the wrapper paper containing:

at least 30 g/m^2 of calcium carbonate, and at least 3% by mass of a burn adjusting agent,

wherein an ash content in a surface layer on each of a top side and a bottom side of the wrapper paper is not higher than 35% by mass.